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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the proposed settlement with Microsoft. As a professional in the industry, and as a general computer user, I do not believe that the proposed settlement is in the public interest for a number of reasons. These are a few:

- \* The PFJ doesn't take into account Windows-compatible competing operating systems

- \* Microsoft increases the Applications Barrier to Entry by using restrictive license terms and intentional incompatibilities. Yet the PFJ fails to prohibit this, and even contributes to this part of the Applications Barrier to Entry.

- \* The PFJ Contains Misleading and Overly Narrow Definitions and Provisions

- \* The PFJ supposedly makes Microsoft publish its secret APIs, but it defines "API" so narrowly that many important APIs are not covered.

- \* Microsoft currently uses restrictive licensing terms to keep Windows apps from running on competing operating systems.

- \* Microsoft has in the past inserted intentional incompatibilities in its applications to keep them from running on competing operating systems.

- \* The PFJ allows Microsoft to retaliate against any OEM that ships Personal Computers containing a competing Operating System but no Microsoft operating system.

- \* The PFJ allows Microsoft to discriminate against small OEMs -- including regional 'white box' OEMs which are historically the most willing to install competing operating systems -- who ship competing software.

- \* The PFJ as currently written appears to lack an effective enforcement mechanism.

Thank you,

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These are my opinions and do not reflect the opinions of my employer.

